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BIG CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS NOW UNDER WAY FOR POSTS OF OAHU

Under the direction of the U. S. quartermaster department, two large construction undertakings are now in progress, one at Schofield and one at Fort Kamehameha. The first is a water project, the second the erection of a large number of buildings and on both it is claimed that the U. S. government is able to do the work with remarkable economy.

G. W. Armitage, civil engineer and superintendent of construction in the quartermaster corps, is in charge of the work. On Monday a gang of 100 men started to work on a tunnel-and-ditch system which will greatly increase the Schofield water supply. About \$33,000 is to be spent. Four miles from a reservoir and dam—which is about five miles from Caster—water supply system will be run back into the hills, to the Kaukonahua stream.

This system will give to the big post at Lihue all the water the south fork of the Kaukonahua stream affords. The ditches will be cement-lined and virtually all of the water at the intake will be conveyed to the post.

At Fort Kamehameha there are 56 buildings under construction, of various kinds, including officers' quarters and barracks. More than \$282,000 is being spent here and the U. S. government is able to do the work considerably cheaper than the figure proposed by the lowest bidders among the contractors. Thus on 29 buildings the lowest bid was \$6850 each whereas the government is erecting them for about \$4000 each.

Several factors enter into this cheap construction. The government has certain advantages in transportation, supplies, saving of overhead expenses, etc., and in addition Superintendent of Construction Armitage has inaugurated a plan of piece-work that is getting splendid results.

Construction is soon to start on two more big barracks for the 1st Infantry at Schofield. For this \$185,000 is available. The preliminary work has commenced.

Superintendent Armitage is regarded as one of the most expert construction men in the government employ. He has had a wide experience and is a result-getter of the first order. In the organization and handling of labor he has been as successful in Hawaii as in many other parts of the United States.

FAIL TO PROVE BAD TREATMENT ON LOCAL SHIPS

Testimony taken last night at the meeting of the Public Utilities Commission in regard to the alleged ill treatment of deck or steerage passengers on Inter-island boats, did not bear out the claims made by individual Japanese and local Japanese papers who have been making complaints against the Inter-island Steam Navigation Company.

M. Negoro, who was the first witness called, and who was the author of one of the editorials that appeared recently in one of the Japanese papers, stated that he had no personal knowledge of any ill-treatment of passengers. The witness stated further that the Japanese people had never gone directly to the steamship company to see if better conditions could be secured.

The second and last witness called was Saburo Onaka, with the editorial department of the Hawaii Hochi. Onaka stated that he had gone to Maui especially to investigate the steerage conditions on the Inter-island boats. He rented a sleeping mat from a Chinese and lay down on the deck, but was so bothered by the crew stepping over him constantly that he rented a room from one of the galley stewards and went to sleep. He testified that he had heard no really bad language used to passengers, nor had he seen any ill treatment.

After all testimony had been taken, Chairman Forbes made a short speech to the Japanese in which he stated that the utilities commission was willing to do all it could in the matter of rectifying real abuses to see if they actually existed. Attorney Sutton also took the opportunity to tell the Japanese that they should not fail to go directly to the company when they felt that they had been treated unjustly. The session ended with general good feeling on both sides.

ORDERS OF THE HAWAIIAN DEPT.

Special Orders, No. 145, July 23, 1915:

1. Private John Polos, Troop I, 4th Cavalry, Schofield Barracks, H. T., is transferred to Company F, 2nd Infantry. He will proceed to Fort Shafter, H. T., reporting on arrival to the commanding officer of the organization to which transferred, for duty.

The expense of this transfer will be borne by the soldier. (11773).

2. Privates John H. Hanan, 1st Field Artillery, and Richard M. Carpenter, 4th Cavalry, having arrived in this city on the transport Dix, will proceed to Schofield Barracks, H. T., reporting on arrival to their respective regimental commanders, for assignment.

The Quartermaster Corps will furnish the necessary transportation. The journeys are necessary for the public service.

HILO GIVES UP HOPE OF MILITARY SANITARIUM NEAR VOLCANO CRATER

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

HILO, July 23.—All hope that any time in the near future a military sanitarium or barracks may be established on the mountain near the volcano has been abandoned, and the board of trade committee that was appointed to look into the matter has been discharged. The military authorities could not see their way clear to sanction any such scheme at present.

It was the idea at first that if the military authorities were approached that it might be arranged that a sanitarium be established near the volcano, and that soldiers from all the Oahu army posts might be sent to the sanitarium for a rest and general brace-up when ill or just recovered from any sickness.

A Red Cross flag now flies from the top of the grand stand of the Epsom Downs race course, scene of the annual derby. The buildings have been equipped as a war hospital.

THIRTY CHINESE BEGIN RAISING RELIEF FUNDS

Taking up the project of sending help to the stricken Chinese of the flooded districts of south China, in reply to a cable received yesterday, prominent Christian workers among the Chinese of the city met last night and formed committees to commence immediate work for soliciting funds.

The call for aid came to C. K. Al, manager of the City Mill Company, and bore the brief message: "We need your help." It was sent here from San Francisco by the Chinese Christian Society of that city, who have had several urgent calls for assistance from the sufferers.

"More than 30 men have been appointed to make solicitations today," said Mr. Al this morning, "and in addition to these many of the Chinese women have offered to visit private homes of the city. Not only Chinese but all races of the city are to be asked for help."

"Every person who gives can feel sure that all his money will go directly to those needing it. As soon as the receipts are announced we will cable them direct to China. The Christian Union, which has in charge the distribution of the money, is composed of people representing all races, and no partiality will be shown."

Mr. Al says that from the enthusiasm shown at last night's meeting, and with the assistance of the men who are working on the campaign today, he feels sure that a large amount will be raised. Persons not visited by the committee may send their money to Ho Fong, of Bishop & Company.

CAFE OPENED IN SWEETS PALACE

The Palace of Sweets today reopened their cafe department to do a regular restaurant business, having since the opening of this new store, conducted only a lunch counter.

This arrangement was insufficient to meet the demands made upon it, therefore the enlargement to a full-fledged cafe.

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